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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		
DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME
5,966,438	11/23/1999	Romesburg
7,146,013 B1	12/05/2006	Saito et al.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS		
DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY
11-308329	05.11.1999	Japan
2000-506347	23.05.2000	Japan
2000-069127	03.03.2000	Japan
04-181897	29.06.1992	Japan
06-152724	31.05.1994	Japan
2000-312396	07.11.2000	Japan
2001-136039	18.05.2001	Japan

The listed references were cited in the office action issued by the Japanese Patent Office with regard to the counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-354164. A copy of the English translation of the Japanese Office Action is attached.

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2). Pursuant to the undersigned attorney's obligation and duties under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.98(a)(3) and (c), either English language abstracts, partial translations, or full translations are included for patent documents which are not in English for the express purpose of providing a concise explanation of the references to the Patent and Trademark Office with the opportunity to evaluate the same. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

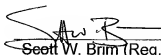
By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 CFR §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 CFR §1.56(a).

Applicant has calculated a processing fee in the amount of \$180.00 to be due under 37 CFR §1.17(p) in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant has enclosed a check covering this fee, or authorized charging the fee to a deposit account or credit card, as indicated in the Transmittal accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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